

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first full paragraph at page 8, lines 1-7, as follows:

Malaria remains one of the major health problems in the tropics. It is estimated that 300 million people a year are infected with malaria (World Health Organization, 1990, Malaria pp. [[15-27]] 29-40. In Tropical Diseases, Progress in Research 1989-1990, Geneva). Malaria is transmitted by Anopheles mosquitos in endemic areas, and often by blood transfusion in eradicated areas.